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SUBJ: FEDERAL INTERVENTIONS OF PROVINCES CAUSE MORE FRICTION  
WITH UCR

1. ON JUN 18 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTERVENED ALL THREE BRANCHES OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN MISIONES "IN ORDER TO PRESERVE TRANQUILITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER FOR ELECTIONS COMING UP ON APRIL 13." CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN MISIONES SINCE DEATH OF GOVERNOR AND VICE GOVERNOR IN DEC 1973 PLANE CRASH HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF PROVINCIAL CHAMBER. AS SUGGESTED BY CENTRAL GOVTS STATEMENT, ELECTIONS FOR GOV AND VICE GOV ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN APRIL.

2. UCR AND SEVERAL OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE BITTERLY CRITICIZED INTERVENTION ON GROUNDS THAT THERE WAS NO INSTITUTIONAL OR CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS TO JUSTIFY IT AND THAT IT CLEARLY AIMED AT INTERNAL PARTY DISPUTE AMONG PERONIST THEMSELVES. TO LARGE EXTENT, RADICALES MAY BE RIGHT. PERONIST LABOR WING THERE HAS BEEN FLEXING MUSCLES AND THERE HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY BAD BLOOD BETWEEN THEM AND POLITICAL WING. AS CONFIRMATION OF THIS, WELCOMING CEREMONIES AT AIRPORT ON JAN 21 FOR NEWLY APPOINTED FEDERAL INTERVENTOR, JUAN CARLOS TAPARELLI, HAD TO BE GIVEN UP WHEN LARGE CROWD FROM LABOR WING STARTED THROWING EGGS AT POSADAS MAYOR AND OTHER REPS OF POLITICAL WING.

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INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA GOT IN LINE OF FIRE AND WAS ALSO

SPATTERED (RPT, BY OTHER PERONISTS).

3. FEW WOULD BE SUPRISED IF SANTA FE PROVINCE IS ALSO INTER-  
VENED IN WEEKS AHEAD. THERE, TOVERNOR SYLVESTRE BENIS (MID)  
REMAINS ONLY NON-PERONIST GOV IN ARGENTINA. LABOR WING OF  
PERONIST MOVEMENT IS MOVING ENERGETICALLY TO OUST HIM, AND GAVIEN  
THAT HE IS LEADER OF MINORITY ELEMENT IN RECENTLY FRACTURED  
MID, HE DOES NOT EVEN HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ARTURO FRONDIZI.

4. COMMENT: INTERVENTIONS ARE NOT TERRIBLY SIGNIFICANT IN AND  
OF THEMSELVES, BUT THEY DO EXACERBATE RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVT  
AND UCR. INTERVENTION OF SANTA FE PROVINCE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY  
SERIOUS IN THIS RESPECT.  
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